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Summary

About this Release

The National Regional Profile (NRP) presents data for 2008-2012 for Local Government Areas, Australian Statistical Geography Standard regions (Statistical Areas 2, 3 and 4, and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas), States/Territories and Australia.

The NRP is designed for users interested in the socio-economic and environmental characteristics of regions - and comparisons with similar geographies across Australia. Data are arranged under the broad themes/topics of Economy, Industry, People, and Energy and Environment.

This release provides Explanatory Notes, a Glossary, Abbreviations, other metadata and 8 large zipped csv files - to assist data interpretation.

Access the National Regional Profile 2008-2012 from the Data by Region navigator.

Data for All Regions, 2008-2012

There are two ways that all data for all regions can be accessed:

1 There are 8 data cubes - in zipped CSV format - that can be opened in a variety of packages, including Excel. These files are found in the Downloads tab.

2 All of the data can also be found in ABS.stat, which provides a flexible way to access data. In ABS.stat, data, regions and time periods can be selected to produce customised tables.

<http://stat.abs.gov.au/Index.aspx>

History of Changes

This document was added or updated on 11/07/2014.

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Previously published totals for Estimated Resident Population, Females, have been revised for the following Data cube; NRP, People, ASGS, 2008-12.

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Economy

Includes: Business Counts; Labour Force; Youth Engagement; Selected Government Pensions and Allowances; Estimates of Personal Income; Wage and Salary Earners; Rent and Mortgage Payments; Building Approvals.

Population/People

Includes: Estimated Resident Population; Working Age Population; Median Age; Births; Deaths; Population Density; Other Census 2011 data including overseas born.

Industry

Includes: Motor Vehicle Census; Agricultural Commodities; Value of Agricultural Production; Employed by Industry; Tourist Accommodation.

Environment/Energy

Includes: Land Area; Water Use on Australian Farms; Land Use; Dynamic Land Cover.

Statistical Geography

Includes: Geographic Correspondences; Geographic Regions.

National Regional Profile Content Summary

INTRODUCTION

1 The National Regional Profile presents a standard set of data for a range of geographies, including state/territory and Australia. This is the second release of the National Regional Profile using the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS). Below state/territory, data is available for the following regions of the ASGS: Statistical Areas 2, 3 and 4; Greater Capital City Statistical Areas; Local Government Areas. See **Statistical Geography** (paragraphs 124 to 126) for further information about the regions in the ASGS.

2 There is a standard set of data for each region type, depending on the availability of data at that region scale. Users interested in creating their own customised tables can do this by accessing data in ABS.Stat.

3 Data in the National Regional Profile are sourced from a wide variety of collections, both ABS and non-ABS. When analysing data care needs to be taken as time periods, definitions, methodologies, scope and coverage differ between collections. Where available, data have been presented as a time series. Time series data enable users to assess changes over time. However, looked at on a period to period basis, these series may be volatile. When analysing the data, users are encouraged to consider the longer term behaviour of the series, where this is available. This edition provides data for the period 2008-2012, where available. All information about the data in these Explanatory Notes are relevant for the period 2008-2012.

4 While information on the datasets and terms used in the National Regional Profile are included below and in the accompanying Glossary, more detailed information about the data can be obtained by referring to the relevant source listed for each dataset. Further information about statistical terms can be found in Statistical Language! (cat. no. 1332.0.55.002).

5 All data presented in the National Regional Profile are on geographic boundaries as described in the 2011 edition of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS 2011). For further information see the Statistical Geography page of the ABS website, or the following: Australian Statistical Geography Standard, Volume 1 - Main Structure and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, July 2011 (cat. no. 1270.0.55.001); Australian Statistical Geography Standard, Volume 3 - Non-ABS Structures, July 2011 (cat. no. 1270.0.55.003) . For further information on how data have been presented on ASGS 2011, see Geographic Correspondences at paragraphs 127 to 130 of these Explanatory Notes. Data for Local Government Areas (LGAs) have been presented as 2012 boundaries.

6 This is the ninth release of the National Regional Profile. Previous releases are available via the 'Past & Future Releases' tab of this product. Care should be taken in comparing data within previous and current releases of the National Regional Profile as:

- some data will have been subject to revision; and
- previous releases refer to different geographical boundaries, based on the previous statistical geography, the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), and different releases of the NRP used different editions of the previous statistical geography (ASGC).

7 In some cases, a profile has not been produced for every region. This is usually because there is insufficient data for that region across the full range of data items, or the populations are relatively small. For example, there are no profiles produced for Other Territories (Jervis Bay, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands).

8 Some values in the data in the NRP have been randomly adjusted or suppressed to avoid the release of confidential data. Care should be taken when interpreting cells with small numbers. In some cases small cells have been randomly altered to zero. Caution should be exercised in deducing that there are no people or units with particular characteristics in a given area.

9 These Explanatory Notes have been presented under the following topics: **Economy** (paragraphs 11 to 62), **Population/People** (paragraphs 63 to 93), **Industry** (paragraphs 94 to 116) and **Environment/Energy** (paragraphs 117 to 132).

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CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE

10 There have been a small number of changes to the data items and series included in this issue of the profiles. These changes are summarised in the following table. Please see the relevant sections in these Explanatory Notes for more detailed descriptions.

Data Series	Change
Selected Government Pensions and Allowances	Due to Commonwealth department restructures in 2013, the majority of data presented have been obtained from the new Department of Social Services.
Tourist Accommodation Establishments	Data for establishments and employment have been re-included after a brief absence.
Building Approvals	Data for Local Government Areas (LGAs) appear for the first time.

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ECONOMY

Counts of Businesses, Entries and Exits

11 Counts of Australian Businesses, Entries and Exits data are based on snapshots of actively

trading businesses as at June in each reference year, from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR).

12 Most businesses in Australia need to obtain an Australian Business Number (ABN). These businesses are then included on the whole of government register of businesses, the Australian Business Register (ABR). The results of these studies are based, in part, on tax data supplied by the ATO under the Taxation Administration Act 1953 and ABR data supplied by the Registrar under A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) Act 1999. The Taxation Administration Act 1953 requires that such data is only used for the purpose of administering the Census and Statistics Act 1905 and the Australian Business Number Act 1999 requires that such data is only used for the purpose of carrying out functions of the ABS. Further information about the two Acts can be found at www.comlaw.gov.au. Information about the ABR can be obtained from the ABR website www.abr.gov.au or the ATO website www.ato.gov.au/business. The ABS uses information from the ABR to populate its internal register of businesses, the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR), which is used as a source for business survey frames and business counts.

13 Counts of businesses produced from the ABSBR comprise actively trading businesses in the Australian economy. The population includes employing and non-employing, single location and multiple location businesses. It should be noted that it is not currently possible to account for those businesses which operate out of multiple locations, other than at their main location. This is particularly relevant for larger businesses, which commonly establish outlets in numerous states and regions across Australia. The reason for this is that data for individual business locations are not currently available from the ABSBR. Users should therefore be aware of this limitation when using counts of businesses.

14 Excluded from these counts are entities which are not considered to be actively trading in the market sector such as Reserve Bank of Australia, General Government and Not for profit institutions serving households. Examples of some of the other excluded entities are: Social and sporting clubs, Charitable institutions; Trade Unions and other associations; Other unincorporated entity; Police services; Fire protection and other emergency services; Religious services; Business and professional associations; Labour association services; Other interest group services; and Private households employing staff. Businesses which have not submitted a Business Activity Statement (BAS) and/or have reported zero dollar amounts over five consecutive quarters (or three consecutive years for annual BAS remitters) have been excluded.

15 The data published has been confidentialised so as not to release the identity of any business units. The confidentialising process used in this release also means that data presented at these detailed levels will not always be additive. For example, opening stock from the beginning of the financial year, plus entries, minus exits, may not equal the closing stock for the end of the financial year. This is due to the fact that each of those components are individually rounded.

16 The Local Government Area (LGA) data used in the National Regional Profile has been estimated from published data at the SA2 level, and also rounded and confidentialised. Some regional suppression have also been applied. The final estimates therefore should not be assumed to reflect exact numbers of business counts in any LGA, and in particular no reliance should be placed on very small counts.

17 Further information can be found in Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, Jun 2008 to Jun 2012 (cat. no. 8165.0).

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Labour Force

18 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing. Data are for persons aged 15 years or more, and are derived from the questions about whether the person had a job in the week before Census Night, whether they actively looked for work in the last four weeks before Census Night, and if they could have started work in the last week before Census night.

Youth Engagement in Work or Study

19 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing. Data are for persons aged 15-19 years and are derived from questions about whether the person was working or attending a school or any other educational institution.

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Selected Government Pensions and Allowances

20 Data on the number of individuals receiving selected Government pensions and allowances has been provided by the Department of Social Services (DSS), and the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).

- Age pension data has been provided by DSS for those individuals receiving an Age pension through Centrelink, while DVA has provided data for those individuals receiving an Age Pension through DVA;
- DSS has provided data on Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment, Family Tax Benefit (A, B, A or B) and Baby Bonus;
- DSS has provided data on Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowances (Other), and Parenting Payment.
- DSS has provided data on Youth Allowances for apprentices and students.
- DVA has provided data on persons receiving an Income Support Supplement or Service Pension.

21 Selected Government Pensions and Allowances Data has been provided to the ABS on an aggregate basis (at Local Government Area and/or Statistical Area 2 or 3 level). Totals are available for Australia, States and Territories. All data has been provided to the ABS in confidentialised form.

22 Age pension is a payment for persons who have reached Age Pension age and qualify to receive the Age Pension. Age Pension age depends on the individual's date of birth:

For men:

- if born before 1/7/52, Age Pension age is 65

For women:

- if born before 1/7/35, Age Pension age is 60
- if born between 1/7/35 and 31/12/36, Age Pension age is 60.5
- if born between 1/1/37 and 30/6/38, Age Pension age is 61
- if born between 1/7/38 and 30/12/39, Age Pension age is 61.5
- if born between 1/1/40 and 30/6/41, Age Pension age is 62
- if born between 1/7/41 and 31/12/42, Age Pension age is 62.5
- if born between 1/1/43 and 30/6/44, Age Pension age is 63
- if born between 1/7/44 and 31/12/45, Age Pension age is 63.5
- if born between 1/1/46 and 30/6/47, Age Pension age is 64
- if born between 1/7/47 and 31/12/48, Age Pension age is 64.5
- if born between 1/1/49 and 30/6/52, Age Pension age is 65

For men and women:

- if born between 1/7/52 and 31/12/53, Age Pension age is 65.5
- if born between 1/1/54 and 30/6/55, Age Pension age is 66
- if born between 1/7/55 and 31/12/56, Age Pension age is 66.5
- if born 1/1/57 or later, Age Pension age is 67

23 The majority of Age Pensions are paid by Centrelink. Age pensioners who also receive a Disability Pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) have the choice of having their Age Pension paid by either the DVA or Centrelink. There are therefore two separate data items - Age Pension (Centrelink) and Age Pension (DVA) - published in the National Regional Profile. The Centrelink Age Pension data has been provided by DSS and includes overseas pension recipients in the total for Australia. Both Age Pension totals for Australia include persons whose address could not be coded to a specific region.

24 The purpose of Disability Support Pension (DSP) is to provide income support for people who have a permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment. DSP is designed to give people an adequate means of support if they are unable to work for at least 15 hours per week at or above the relevant minimum wage, independent of a program or support. DSP data has been provided by DSS and includes overseas pension recipients and persons whose address could not be coded to a specific region in the total for Australia.

25 Carer Payment is for people who are unable to support themselves through participation in the workforce while caring for someone with a disability, severe medical condition, or who is frail and aged. Carer Payment data has been provided by DSS and includes persons whose address could not be coded to a specific region in the total for Australia.

26 Newstart Allowance is a payment for people who are looking for work and allows them to participate in activities designed to increase their chances of finding work. In the period covered by these data, persons must have been aged 21 years or older but under Age Pension age to qualify. Newstart Allowance data has been provided by DSS.

27 Youth Allowance is a payment for young people who are studying, undertaking training or an Australian Apprenticeship, looking for work, or sick. Persons must be aged 15 to 24 years to qualify. Youth Allowance (Other) data has been provided by DSS, and Youth Allowance data for apprentices and students has also been provided by DSS.

28 Parenting Payment is a payment for persons who are primary carers of children. Parenting Payment data has been provided by DSS.

29 Family Tax Benefit is paid to help with the costs of raising children. Around 75% of all families with at least one dependent child aged under 16 years are eligible to receive Family Tax Benefit. Family Tax Benefit data has been provided by DSS. The Family Tax Benefit data for 2012 are preliminary data.

30 Family Tax Benefit Part A can be paid to a parent, guardian or an approved care organisation to help with the costs of raising children. There are eligibility requirements involving the age and educational status of the child, residency and income. Family Tax Benefit Part B is an extra payment for single parents and families with one main income to help with the costs of raising children. Part B is limited to families where the primary earner has an adjusted taxable income of \$150,000 or less per financial year. There are also additional eligibility requirements. Approximately three-quarters of FTB customers receive both Part A and Part B. Data presented in regard to Family Tax Benefit refer only to fortnightly instalment customers paid directly by Centrelink. It excludes an additional 10% (approximately) who are paid by a lump sum which is claimable at the end of a financial year. The Family Tax Benefit data for 2012 are preliminary only; users should refrain from making direct comparisons with data from earlier years in past issues of the National Regional Profile.

31 Baby Bonus may be paid to families following the birth (including stillbirth) or adoption of a child. Prior to 2008, Baby Bonus was known as Maternity Payment. From 1 January 2009 an income test was introduced for Baby Bonus. Customers must have an estimated income of \$75,000 or less in the 6 months following the birth of the child. Also from 1 January 2009, the allowable claim period was extended from 26 weeks to 52 weeks. Baby Bonus data has been provided by DSS. The most recent 2012 data for Baby Bonus are lower than for previous years, with some clients shifting to Paid Parental Leave payments.

32 A Service Pension can be paid to veterans on the grounds of age or invalidity, and to eligible partners, widows and widowers. Service Pension data has been provided by DVA.

33 Income Support Supplement is an income support pension paid to: eligible war widows and widowers under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA); and persons receiving wholly dependent partners' compensation under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA). Income Support Supplement data has been provided by DVA.

34 With the exception of Baby Bonus payments, all Government Pensions and Allowances data refer to a point in time (i.e. the number of persons receiving payment as at the pay period closest to 30 June each year) and therefore do not represent all the customers in receipt of payments during the entire financial year. Customers who have been suspended or not paid at that point of time are not included in these data. Baby Bonus data is cumulative-and based on a financial year (i.e. it is year-to-date). Customers may be granted more than one payment during a 12 month period (for two different births at two different ages), however they are counted only once in the total.

35 All data has been provided on ASGS 2011 boundaries. For privacy reasons, all data has been confidentialised before being supplied to the ABS.

- For DSS data, some regions that have a value of less than 20 persons have been confidentialised. This applies for Newstart, Parenting payments and Youth Allowance.

- For other DSS data regions that have a value of less than 5 persons have been confidentialised. This applies for Baby Bonus, Family Tax Benefits, Disability Support, Carer Payments and Centrelink Age Pensions.

- For DVA data, all regions that have a value of less than 4 persons have been confidentialised.

36 Where a person could not be allocated to a region within a state/territory, they have been included in the totals for the state/territory. Where a person could not be allocated to a state, they have been included in the total for Australia.

37 More information about specific payments can be accessed through the Department of Social Services and Department of Veterans' Affairs websites.

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Estimates of Personal Income

38 Estimates of Personal Income data are compiled from the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) Individual Income Tax Return Database and provided to the ABS by the ATO in aggregated form only. Information about individual taxpayers has not been released to the ABS. The statistics have been subjected to a confidentiality process that adjusts table cells with small values. This includes altering some small cells to zero. The statistics are based on individual income tax returns lodged for the financial year ended 30 June, and processed within sixteen months of the financial year to which they relate.

39 The ATO database covers all individuals who submit an individual income tax return and includes persons with income from one or more of a range of sources such as wages and salaries, own business, investment, superannuation and annuity, and other income.

40 Wages and salaries are the main forms of payments made to employees for their work or services. Wage and salary income, as reported on the income tax return, includes:

- Gross Salary or wage income, as shown on the 'PAYG payment summary - individual non-business';
- Allowances, which may include car, travel or transport allowances, allowances for tools, clothing or laundry and dirt, risk, meal or entertainment allowances;
- Commissions, bonuses, tips, gratuities, consultation fees, honoraria and other payments for services;
- Attributed personal services income;

- Eligible termination payments;
- Lump sums;
- Reportable fringe benefits;
- From 2009-10, Net foreign employment income.

41 Own unincorporated business income includes the following data items on the individual income tax return:

- net income (or loss) from business;
- distributions from partnerships and trusts for primary production activities;
- distributions from partnerships for non-primary production activities and
- net personal services income.

42 The data for Own unincorporated business income excludes distributions from trusts for non-primary production activities as this mainly includes income from a range of other activities (mainly investments). It also excludes the income of working directors/owners of incorporated businesses who are classified as employees and consequently their income is included under wage and salary income.

43 Investment income includes:

- interest from financial institutions;
- net rent and dividends or distributions (including imputation credits) from an Australian company, corporate unit trust or public trading trust;
- distributions from trusts - non-primary production which mainly includes income from investments with cash management trusts, property trusts, money market trusts, mortgage trusts and unit trusts;
- Australian franking credits from a New Zealand company

44 Superannuation and annuity income includes superannuation and similar pensions and annuities paid by an Australian superannuation fund, a retirement saving account provider, a registered organisation or life assurance company and pensions paid by a fund established for the benefit of Commonwealth, state or territory employees and their dependants. Also included in this category are bonuses from life insurance companies and friendly societies.

45 A change to legislation relating to superannuation, taking effect from 1 July 2007, meant that people aged 60 years and over who receive superannuation income in the form of a lump sum or income stream (such as a pension) from a taxed source, will now receive that income tax free. Therefore, if a person has no other income, or their total income is below the tax-free threshold, or any tax payable is mitigated by a tax offset (such as Senior Australian Tax Offset), then this person will not be required to lodge a tax return. This change to legislation has resulted in a break in the income series for superannuation and annuities with fewer persons reporting income from this income source for the 2007-08 income year onwards.

46 There have been other breaks in series associated with the introduction of a one-off tax bonus introduced as part of the Economic Stimulus Package in response to the Global Financial Crisis. This one-off tax bonus was available to all individuals whose 2007-08 taxable income was \$100,000 or less, whose adjusted tax liability was greater than zero and who had filed their 2007-08 tax return by 30 June 2009. The Australian Taxation Office has reported in their *Taxation Statistics* publications that there was a 7.1% increase in individual tax lodgements for the 2007-08 financial year, in part due to individual lodgements being brought forward to access the tax bonus. This was followed by a fall of 2.8% in individual tax lodgements in 2008-09. There have been breaks in series between 2006-07 and 2007-08 and between 2007-08 and 2008-09 in the number of earners and total income reported for each income source and for total income, however average total income and average income for each income source have not been materially affected.

47 Other income (excluding Government pensions and allowances) is made up of selected sources of other income reported on the individual income tax return that were not allocated to one of the

above categories. Net foreign employment income was reported under Other income up to 2008-09, but reported separately from 2009-10. Net foreign employment income is included in Wages and salaries from 2009-10, and there is a break in the series for Other income from 2008-09 to 2009-10.

48 Averages presented are calculated by dividing the total income reported for each income source by the total number of taxable taxpayers for that income source. For example, average Wage and salary income is the total Wage and salary income reported for an area divided by the total number of Wage and salary earners in that area.

49 A geographic correspondence has been used to present the original data on Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011 boundaries. Further general information on Geographic Correspondences can be found in paragraphs 127 to 130.

50 Further information on these statistics can be found in Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas, Time Series, 2005-06 to 2010-11 (cat. no. 6524.0.55.002).

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Wage and Salary Earners

51 Wage and salary earner data provides more detail on the Wage and salary earners in 'Estimates of Personal Income' series (paragraphs 38 to 50). The statistics are based on individual income tax returns lodged for the financial year ended 30 June, and processed within sixteen months of the financial year to which they relate.

52 There have been breaks in series associated with the introduction of a one-off tax bonus introduced as part of the Economic Stimulus Package in response to the Global Financial Crisis, as explained in paragraph 46. There have been breaks in series between 2006-07 and 2007-08 and between 2007-08 and 2008-09 in the data presented for the number of Wage and salary earners. Also some table elements may not exactly match the sum of their components due to data transformations applied by ABS.

53 There has been a change in the classification used by the ATO to code occupation data. In 2009 the ATO changed from using the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) to the Australian and New Zealand Standard of Occupations (ANZSCO). The occupation categories from 2008-09 presented in this edition of the NRP are not therefore comparable to those featured in previous editions of this product. For this reason, the more recent data for occupations is shown.

54 Further information on these statistics can be found in Wage and Salary Earner Statistics for Small Areas, Time Series, 2005-06 to 2010-11 (cat. no. 5673.0.55.003)

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Rent and Mortgage Payments

55 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing and are household rent and mortgage payments including site fees if the dwelling is a caravan, or manufactured home in a caravan park, or a manufactured home estate.

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Building Approvals

56 Data for building work approvals are compiled from:

- permits issued by local government authorities and other principal certifying authorities;
- contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities;
- major building activity in areas not subject to normal administrative approval (e.g. building on remote mine sites).

57 The data included in this profile relate to all residential building approvals valued at \$10,000 or more and all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more.

58 Building ownership is classified as either public or private sector and is based on the intended owner of the completed building at the time of approval.

59 Type of work can include 'new', 'alterations and additions' and 'conversions'. Unless otherwise specified, building data in the NRP is total building, which is the sum of new, alterations and additions, and conversions.

60 The type of building is the building's intended predominant function according to the ABS Functional Classification of Buildings 1999 (revision 2011) (cat. no. 1268.0.55.001).

61 Construction activity not defined as building (eg. construction of roads, bridges, railways etc) is excluded from building statistics.

62 The data relate to the financial years ending 30 June, 2008 to 2012. For further information see Building Approvals, Australia (cat. no. 8731.0).

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POPULATION/PEOPLE

Estimated Resident Population

63 Population data in the profiles, unless otherwise stated, are the estimated resident population (ERP) for the selected region as at 30 June for the year shown. Data are shown to the nearest whole number without rounding, but accuracy to the last digit should not be assumed.

64 The concept of ERP links people to a place of usual residence within Australia. Usual residence is defined as that place where each person has lived or intends to live for six months or more in a given reference year.

65 Population estimates for most sub-state regions in the NRP are built up from Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2). The ERP as at Census date is calculated based on usual residence Census counts, excluding short-term overseas visitors in Australia, with an allowance for Census net undercount and the number of residents temporarily overseas at Census date. As the census is not held on 30 June (the 2011 Census was held on 9 August), further adjustments taking into account births, deaths and migration for the intervening period are made to obtain ERP at 30 June.

66 For post-censal years, estimates at the Australian level take into account natural increase and net overseas migration, while estimates for states and territories also use estimated interstate migration. The absence of migration data at the SA2 level means that it is not possible to estimate SA2 populations by taking into account natural increase and net migration. Instead, ERP for most SA2s is calculated using a mathematical model, where relationships are established between changes in population and changes in indicator data between the two most recent Censuses. Current indicators include dwelling approvals, Medicare enrolments and counts of people on the Australian Electoral Roll. Changes in these indicators are used to estimate changes in the population of each area since the Census.

67 Estimates for SA2 are apportioned into Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1) regions using Census counts and indicator data. Estimates for Local Government Areas (LGAs) are aggregated from SA1 estimates, including split SA1s where they cross LGA boundaries. Users will notice that there is no ERP data for the unincorporated LGAs in WA, Queensland and Tasmania. This is because they do not have geographically defined unincorporated areas. In contrast, the Population Census does show data for these unincorporated LGAs - depicting mainly off-shore and migratory populations.

68 Population estimates included in this edition of NRP are generally the latest available. They are

final for years up to and including 2011, and not final for years after 2011. Sub-state estimates for the period 2012 to 2016 will be finalised after the 2016 Census.

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Working Age Population

69 The working age population (aged 15-64 years) measure is used to give an estimate of the total number of potential workers within an economy.

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Median Age

70 For any distribution, the median value is that which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, half falling below the value, and half exceeding it. Thus, the median age is the age at which half the population is older and half is younger.

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Births

71 Data on births are presented on the basis of the usual residence of the mother regardless of where in Australia the birth occurred or was registered. The data refer to live births registered during the calendar year shown, and are supplied to the Australian Bureau of Statistics by each state/territory Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for compilation into the aggregate statistics in this publication. For more information refer to Births, Australia (cat. no. 3301.0).

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Deaths

72 Data on deaths are presented on the basis of the usual residence of the deceased regardless of where in Australia the death occurred or was registered. The data refer to deaths registered during the calendar year shown, and are supplied to the Australian Bureau of Statistics by each state/territory Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for compilation into the aggregate statistics in this publication. For more information refer to Deaths, Australia (cat. no. 3302.0).

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Population Density

73 The population density for a region is calculated by dividing the 2011 Estimated Resident Population (paragraphs 63 to 68) by the Land Area (paragraph 117) to obtain the number of persons per square kilometre.

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Average Number of Usual Residents Per Private Dwelling

74 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

75 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing and includes people who identified their origin as being Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. Census data is being used in this issue of the National Regional Profile.

Overseas Born Population

76 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing. The Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), Second Edition, Revision 1 (cat. no 1269.0) was used to classify

responses for birthplace of individuals. This classification used the current names of countries, so if a person uses a former name the current name is coded. For example, Siam would be coded to Thailand. If an individual's birthplace was not stated on the Census form, an attempt was made to derive it from other answers.

77 The data shown exclude overseas visitors, persons at sea at the time of the Census, and persons whose responses on the Census form inadequately described their country of birth or for whom the birthplace was not stated (and could not be derived).

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Speaks language other than English

78 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing. These data identify the language spoken at home, and are coded using the Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) (cat. no. 1267.0). Only one language is coded for each person.

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Post School Qualifications

79 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing. These data are for persons aged 15 years and over and show the level of education based on the highest completed non-school qualification of persons (eg. bachelor degree, diploma).

80 The full classification for levels of education and fields of study, together with an explanation of the conceptual basis of the classification, can be found in the publication Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED), 2001 (cat. no. 1272.0).

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Occupation of Employed Persons

81 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing and are for employed people aged 15 years and over. Two occupation questions are used in the Census. The first of these asks for occupation title, while the second asks for the main tasks usually performed by the person in their occupation. Collecting both occupation title and task information ensures more accurate coding of occupations.

82 Occupations are coded using the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) (cat. no. 1220.0). The Occupation code assigned is based on the main job held during the week prior to Census Night.

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Method of Travel to Work

83 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing and are from the question about how the person got to work on Tuesday 9 August 2011.

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Households

84 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing and describe the type of household within a dwelling. Family households can contain non-family members (unrelated persons and visitors). A maximum of three families can be coded to a household. Lone person households can contain visitors.

Families

85 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing. Families have been classified in terms of the relationships that exist between a single family reference person and each other member of that family. Different types of families are distinguished based on the presence or absence of couple relationships, parent-child relationships, child dependency relationships or other blood relationships, in that order of preference.

86 The family type is derived from people enumerated in the household who usually reside there and who share a familial relationship. Partners and dependent children usually present but temporarily absent are also included in this derivation. Boarders and other non-family members are excluded.

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Internal Migration

87 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing. Internal migration is the movement of people from one defined area to another within a country. The Census asked if the person had a different address one year ago, and five years ago.

88 The percentage of persons in a region who lived at a different address within Australia (one year ago, five years ago) is calculated as a proportion of the persons usually resident in the region.

89 Data collected in the Census only reflect movements which coincide with these particular points in time (i.e. one year ago and five years ago) in the intercensal period, even though there may have been multiple movements during this period.

90 Persons temporarily absent, visitors, and households containing only visitors, are excluded from these data.

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Unpaid Work

91 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing. Data on unpaid work show the proportion of persons usually resident in the region who did any voluntary work in the last twelve months, or any unpaid work (caring for own children, caring for other children, caring for family members or others) in the last two weeks.

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Access to Internet at Home

92 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing. These data show the proportion of occupied private dwellings in the region that have access to the internet.

93 The categories of access are: 'no internet connection', 'broadband', 'dial-up' and 'other'. Broadband access includes ADSL, cable, wireless and satellite connections. Dial-up includes analog modem and ISDN connections. Other includes access through mobile phones.

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Motor Vehicle Census

94 Motor Vehicle Census data refer to vehicles registered with a motor vehicle registration authority. For 2008 to 2010, this was as at 31 March in the reference year, and for 2011 and 2012 this was as at 31 January.

95 The Motor Vehicle Census includes all vehicles registered with a state, territory or other government motor vehicle registry for unrestricted use on public roads with the following exceptions:

- recreational vehicles such as trail bikes and sand dune buggies intended for off-road use in most states (in Victoria and Queensland these vehicles must be registered and are included in the statistics);
- consular vehicles;
- vehicles registered by the defence forces.

96 Vehicles on register are those vehicles registered at the date of the census, or had registration expire less than one month before that date.

97 Motor Vehicle Census data are presented by region of owner, and based on the postcode of the owner. A geographic correspondence has been used in order to present the postcode data on Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011 boundaries. Due to rounding, the sum of the individual components of vehicles will not necessarily add up to total registered motor vehicles. Further information on Geographic Correspondences can be found in paragraphs 127 to 130.

98 The Australia total includes records that could not be allocated to a state or territory. Therefore aggregating state and territory totals will not equal the Australia total.

99 Further information can be found in Motor Vehicle Census, Australia (cat. no. 9309.0). Note that data in that release are by state of registration, and so state/territory totals will not be the same as in this National Regional Profile (which is presented by state of owner).

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Agricultural Commodities

100 Agricultural Commodities data are estimates obtained from the 2010-11 Agricultural Census. The scope of the Census was all businesses undertaking agricultural activity recorded on the ABS Business Register (ABSBR) above a minimum size cut off of \$5,000. The measure of size was based on the ABS' Estimated Value of Agricultural Operations (EVAO) or a derived value based on Business Activity Statement turnover if EVAO was not available.

101 Since not all of the businesses that were selected provided data, the estimates are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all businesses had provided data. One measure of the likely difference is given by the Standard Error (SE) which indicates the extent to which an estimate might vary by chance because only a sample was taken or had responded. There are about two chances in three that a 'sample' estimate will differ by less than one SE from the figure that would have been obtained if all businesses had responded, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two SE.

102 In Agriculture data, sampling variability of the estimates is measured by the Relative Standard Error (RSE) which is obtained by expressing the Standard Error as a percentage of the estimate to which it refers. In the National Regional Profile, Agriculture data with an RSE greater than 50% are not presented.

103 Agriculture Census data have been produced on Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011 (ASGS 2011).

104 For further information see Agricultural Commodities, Australia (cat. no. 7121.0).

Gross Value of Agricultural Production

105 The value of agricultural production estimates are derived by the multiplication of price and quantity of individual agricultural commodities. Quantity data for most crops were collected in the 2010-11 Agricultural Census. Remaining commodity data (livestock disposals and livestock products excluding eggs) are obtained from other ABS collections with some information non-ABS sources. Price information refers to the average unit value of a given commodity realised in the market place. Price information for livestock slaughterings and wool is obtained from ABS collections. price information for other commodities is obtained from non-ABS sources, including marketing authorities and industry sources.

106 The estimates of gross value are subject to sampling error. (see paragraph 102 for a discussion of sampling error in Agriculture data). In the National Regional Profile, Agriculture data with a relative standard error (RSE) greater than 50% are not presented.

107 Further information on Value of Agricultural Production can be obtained in the ABS publication Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia (cat. no 7503.0).

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Employed by Industry

108 These data are from the 2011 Census of Population and Housing and are for all employed people aged 15 years and over.

109 Industry is coded using the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 2006 (ANZSIC) (cat. no. 1292.0). The industry code assigned is based on the main job held during the week prior to Census Night.

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Tourist Accommodation Establishments

110 Data on the number of tourist accommodation establishments are derived from the quarterly Survey of Tourist Accommodation (STA). The STA is a mailout collection that completely enumerates all in-scope accommodation establishments within Australia.

111 The in-scope establishments presented in this profile include: hotels, resorts, motels, private hotels, guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

112 The main source of coverage is from the Australian Automobile Association through AAA Tourism Pty Ltd. This is supplemented by notification of new tourism developments and their likely opening dates in selected guides, major tourism journals and periodicals and newspapers. Periodic comparison with lists of accommodation establishments provided by the various tourism organisations and industry associations is also undertaken.

113 The STA does not have a sample component and the data are not subject to sampling variability. However, other inaccuracies collectively referred to as non-sampling error may affect the data. These non-sampling errors may arise from a number of sources, including:

- errors in the reporting of data by providers;
- errors in the process of capturing data;
- imputation for missing data;
- definition and classification errors;
- incomplete coverage.

114 Every effort has been made to reduce non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design and testing of questionnaires, and efficient operating procedures and systems used to compile statistics.

115 Data before March 2012 have been classified according to the current edition of the ASGC at that time. Data from March 2012 have been classified according to ASGS, 2011.

116 Further information on these statistics can be found in Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Australia (cat. no. 8635.1.55.001 - 8635.8.55.001).

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Land Area

117 The land area data are based upon the boundaries in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011. The areas of the regions were calculated using ABS standard Geographic Information Systems software using the digital boundaries of the regions.

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Water Use on Australian Farms

118 Water use data are from the 2010-11 Agricultural Census. Data was collected from agricultural businesses on the ABS Business Register undertaking agricultural activity above a minimum size cut off of \$5,000.

119 The estimates are based on responses to the Agricultural Census and since not all of the businesses that were selected provided data, the estimates are subject to sampling variability. That is, estimates may differ from figures that would be produced if all businesses had provided data. In the National Regional Profile, Water Use data with a relative standard error (RSE) greater than 50% are not presented.

120 For further information see Water Use on Australian Farms, 2011-12 (cat. no. 4618.0).

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Land Use

121 Land use data has been provided by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) (<http://www.daff.gov.au/abares/Pages/Default.aspx>) and uses their Catchment Scale Landuse Mapping (CLUM) data set. Land use is classified to the most general 'Primary' level of the Australian Land Use and Management (ALUM) classification. More information about ABARES' land use mapping program can be found on the ABARES website: <http://www.daff.gov.au/abares/aclump/pages/land-use/land-use-mapping.aspx>

122 Land uses shown are:

- Conservation and natural environments

This class includes land that has a relatively low level of human intervention. The land may be formally reserved by government for conservation purposes, or conserved through other legal or administrative arrangements. Areas may have multiple uses, but nature conservation is the prime use. Some land may be unused as a result of a deliberate decision of the government or landowner, or due to circumstance.

- Production from relatively natural environments

This class includes land that is subject to relatively low levels of intervention. The land may not be used more intensively because of its limited capability. The structure of the native vegetation generally remains intact despite deliberate use, although the floristics of the vegetation may have changed markedly. Where the native vegetation structure is, for example, open woodland or grassland, the land may be grazed.

- Production from dryland agriculture and plantations

This class includes land that is used principally for primary production, based on dryland farming systems. Native vegetation has largely been replaced by introduced species through clearing, the sowing of new species, the application of fertilisers or the dominance of volunteer species. The range of activities in this category includes plantation forestry, pasture production for stock, cropping and fodder production, and a wide range of horticultural production.

- Production from irrigated agriculture and plantations

This class includes agricultural land uses where water is applied to promote additional growth over normally dry periods, depending on the season, water availability and commodity prices. This includes land uses that receive only one or two irrigations per year, through to those uses that rely on irrigation for much of the growing season.

- Intensive uses

This class includes land uses that involve high levels of interference with natural processes, generally in association with closer settlement.

- Water
- Water features are regarded as essential to the ALUM Classification because of their importance for natural resources management and as points of reference in the landscape. However, the inclusion of water is complicated because it is normally classified as a land cover type. At the secondary level, the classification identifies water features, both natural and artificial. Tertiary classes relate water features to intensity of use.

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Dynamic Land Cover

123 Dynamic Land Cover has been provided by Geoscience Australia (www.ga.gov.au). The data set is the first nationally consistent and thematically comprehensive land cover reference for Australia. It is a result of collaboration between Geoscience Australia and the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES), and provides a base-line for identifying and reporting on change and trends in vegetation cover and extent. The classification scheme used to describe land cover categories conforms to the 2007 International Standards Organisation (ISO) land cover standard (19144-2). The Dynamic Land Cover data set shows land cover clustered into 34 ISO classes. These reflect the structural character of vegetation, ranging from cultivated and managed land covers (crops and pastures) to natural land covers such as closed forest and sparse, open grasslands. The source data for the DLCD is a time series of Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) data from the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on the Terra and Aqua satellites operated by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). More information can be found on the Geoscience Australia website: <http://www.ga.gov.au/earth-observation/landcover.html>

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STATISTICAL GEOGRAPHY

124 The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) is used by the ABS for the collection and dissemination of geographically classified statistics. The ASGS replaced the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC) from July 2011.

125 The ASGS is an essential reference for understanding and interpreting the geographic context of statistics published, not only by the ABS but also by other organisations, and its use enables comparability across datasets.

126 This edition of the National Regional Profile uses ASGS 2011. Where available, data has been sourced for regions of the ASGS. In some cases, historical data has not been available on ASGS, and so has not been available to include in the profiles. Some data based on postcodes have been converted to data for regions of the ASGS 2011 using geographic correspondences.

Geographic correspondences

127 The use of geographic correspondences enables the conversion of data from one type of geographic region to another. These geographic correspondences are generally used to convert data for 'non-standard areas' to data for standard areas used by the ABS. Geographic correspondences (or conversions) are expressed as conversion factors based on population.

128 The correspondences process:

- enables the data to be more easily compared with standard ABS output;
- enables the data to be output for other standard ABS geographic areas such as Statistical Areas 2-4 and Local Government Areas (LGA); and
- provides flexibility so that data can be provided for the different regions of interest being studied by users of regional data.

129 When analysing data produced by correspondences, the following limitations of this methodology need to be taken into account:

- in applying the correspondences it is assumed that the particular characteristics of any data item are uniformly distributed across the region. Therefore, data produced by correspondences may not truly reflect the distribution of the characteristics of the population. In some cases, where the same region is split across two or more new regions and there are no other contributing regions, distinct numerical estimates will be derived but rates or averages will be identical for each new region (as these will be equivalent to the original rate or average of the contributing regions);
- the conversion factors are based on total population only but have been applied across all data items in a series,
- some official postcodes (such as Post Office boxes, etc.) do not correspond to residential areas but may still have been reported under the current home address field in some data series. Data for these and other 'invalid' postcodes, such as those due to incorrect reporting or processing errors, are included in state and territory totals or for Australia where the state or territory was not known; and
- figures produced by correspondences have been rounded so discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

130 While care was taken in producing the correspondences the ABS will not guarantee the accuracy of data produced by correspondences. ASGS correspondences are found on the Statistical Geography page of the ABS website.

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Geographic regions

131 The statistics in this product are presented according to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGS), 2011. Under this classification, statistical areas below Australia and state/territory level are defined as follows:

- **Local Government Areas (LGAs):** These areas are the spatial units which represent the geographical areas of incorporated local government councils. The various types of LGAs are cities (C), NSW local government areas (A), boroughs (B), rural cities (RC), towns (T), shires (S), district councils (DC), municipalities (M), SA regional councils (RegC), Qld regional councils (R) and SA Aboriginal councils (AC). (Note: In some states/territories, there is an 'Unincorporated' LGA region, which represents the balance of the state/territory that is not incorporated).
- **Statistical Area 2 (SA2):** Statistical Areas Level 2 are a medium-sized general purpose area. They replace the Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) defined by the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). Their aim is to represent a community that interacts together socially and economically. On average they have a population of approximately 10,000 people. Most are designed to be within the population range 3,000 - 25,000. There are 2214 SA2s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps.
- **Statistical Area 3 (SA3):** There are 351 SA3s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. They are built up of whole SA2s. SA3s are designed to provide a regional breakdown of Australia. They generally have a population of between 30,000 and 130,000 people. In the major cities, they represent the area serviced by a major transport and commercial hub. They often closely align to large urban local government areas. E.g. Parramatta, Geelong. In regional areas, they represent the area serviced by regional cities with a population over 20,000 people. In outer regional and remote areas, they represent areas which are widely recognised as having a distinct identity and have similar social and economic characteristics. There are a small number of "zero SA3s". These have an effective design population of zero and represent very large National Parks close to the outskirts of major cities.
- **Statistical Area 4 (SA4):** Statistical Areas Level 4 are geographical areas that will replace the previous Labour Force Regions and are used for the output of a variety of regional data, including the 2011 Census Data. There are 106 SA4s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. They are built up from whole SA3s. In regional areas, SA4s tend to have populations of between 100,000 to 300,000 people. In metropolitan areas, SA4s tend to have larger populations (300,000 - 500,000 people).
- **Greater Capital City Statistical Areas (GCCSA):** Greater Capital City Statistical Areas are geographical areas that are designed to represent the functional extent of each of the eight state and territory capital cities. Within each state and territory, the area not defined as being part of the greater capital city is represented by a Rest of State region. There are 16 GCCSA regions covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. They are built up from whole Statistical Areas Level 4 (SA4s). There are 8 regions representing each of the Australian State and Territory capital cities and 7 regions covering the rest of each state and territory—this excludes the ACT where there is only one GCCSA region for the entire territory. There is also one for the Other Territories of Jervis Bay, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

132 For further information see the Statistical Geography page of the ABS website, or the following: Australian Statistical Geography Standard, Volume 1 - Main Structure and Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, July 2011 (cat. no. 1270.0.55.001); Australian Statistical Geography Standard, Volume 3 - Non-ABS Structures, July 2011 (cat. no. 1270.0.55.003). Maps of Statistical Areas 2-4 and GCCSA can be found in the Downloads tab of cat. no 1270.0.55.001.

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NATIONAL REGIONAL PROFILE CONTENT SUMMARY

133 The following two tables summarise content in the National Regional Profile (NRP). In particular they show which years and geographic regions the NRP data series are available for.

134 Users should note that some data are not available for all reference years for a variety of reasons - for example, due to conceptual breaks in data series or periodic data collection cycles (once every 5 years) or impending wholesale revisions. Additionally, some data series are not available for the full range of geographies. Reasons can range from confidentiality protection, to data owner/custodian preferences, industry identification with particular geographies, and the presence of high proportions of suppressed data cells (at smaller geographies) thus preventing realistic aggregations up the ASGS hierarchy.

NATIONAL REGIONAL PROFILE CONTENT SUMMARY, Economy

Topic/ Data series	Source/ABS Catalogue No.	Reference years available					LGA	Regions available					S/T	Aust
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		SA2	SA3	SA4	GCCSA			
Economy														
Business counts by employment size	ABS 8165.0	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Business entries and exits by employment size	ABS 8165.0	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Business counts by industry	ABS 8165.0	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Government Pensions and Allowances														
	DVA - Age Pension	a	a	a	a	a	a		a(a)			a	a	a
	DVA - Income Support Supplement	a	a	a	a	a	a		a(a)			a	a	a
	DVA - Service Pension	a	a	a	a	a	a		a(a)			a	a	a
	DSS - Family Tax Benefit	a	a	a	a	a	a		a	a	a	a	a	a
	DSS - Baby Bonus			a	a	a	a		a	a	a	a	a	a
	DSS - Age Pension, Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment				a	a	a		a	a	a	a	a	a
	DSS (Newstart)			a	a	a	a		a			a	a	a
	DSS Single Parenting Payment			a	a	a	a		a			a	a	a
	DSS (Youth Allowances)			a	a	a	a		a			a	a	a
Estimates of Personal Income	ATO/ ABS 6524.0.55.002	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Wages and Salaries age/sex	-ATO/ ABS 5673.0.55.003	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Wages and Salaries occupation	-ATO ABS 5673.0.55.003		a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Building Approvals	ABS 8731.0	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a

(a) DVA data at SA3 geography is only available for 2012, whereas LGA and State/Territory data are available for a 5 year time series.

NATIONAL REGIONAL PROFILE CONTENT SUMMARY, Population / People, Industry and Environment

Topic/ Data series	Source/ABS Catalogue No.	Reference years available					LGA	Regions available					S/T	Aust
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		SA2	SA3	SA4	GCCSA			

Population / People

ERP by age and sex	ABS	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
	3218.0 and 3235.0												
Births	ABS	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
	3301.0												
Deaths	ABS	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
	3302.0												
Population Census 2011 - various items (a)	ABS Census				a		a	a	a	a	a	a	a

Industry

Registered Motor Vehicles by type, age, fuel	ABS	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
	9309.0												
Agricultural Commodities	ABS				a			a		a		a	a
	7121.0												
Agricultural Production	ABS				a			a		a		a	a
	7503.0												
Tourist Accommodation	ABS					a		a					
	8635.0												

Environment

Land Area	ABS					a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
	Geography												
Water Use on Australian Farms	ABS				a			a		a		a	a
	4618.0												
Land Use	ABARES	a					a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Dynamic Land Cover	Geoscience Australia	a					a	a	a	a	a	a	a

(a) Census items are in Economy (e.g. labour force items), Population/People (e.g. qualifications) and Industry (e.g. industry of employment).

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DATA ITEMS A - Z

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SOURCE DATASETS

DYNAMIC LAND COVER

Source: Geoscience Australia (<http://www.ga.gov.au>)

The ABS is currently developing a national Land Account which will provide a regular national data source on Land Cover in future. Some Land Cover data is now available for Victoria (see 'Land Account: Victoria, Experimental Estimates, 2012', ABS cat. no. 4609.0.55.002), and other state and territory data will be added progressively in future.

Data Items

Extraction sites (hectares)
Bare areas (hectares)
Inland waterbodies (hectares)
Salt lakes (hectares)
Irrigated cropping (hectares)
Irrigated pasture (hectares)
Irrigated sugar (hectares)
Wetlands (hectares)
Forbs - open (hectares)
Forbs - sparse (hectares)
Tussock grasses - closed (hectares)
Alpine grasses - open (hectares)
Hummock grasses - open (hectares)
Sedges - open (hectares)
Tussock grasses - open (hectares)
Grassland - scattered (hectares)
Tussock grasses - scattered (hectares)
Grassland - sparse (hectares)
Hummock grasses - sparse (hectares)
Tussock grasses - sparse (hectares)
Shrubs - closed (hectares)

Shrubs - open (hectares)
Chenopod shrubs - open (hectares)
Shrubs - scattered (hectares)
Chenopod shrubs - sparse (hectares)
Trees - closed (hectares)
Trees - open (hectares)
Trees - scattered (hectares)
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This edition of the National Regional Profiles includes data in a comparable time series covering 2008 - 2012, where data is available.

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Local Government Areas, Statistical Areas 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, State/Territory, Australia

Where to find these Data

All data items and all regions can also be found in ABS.Stat Beta where you can view the data, build your own tables, and export the results. These data are also found in csv files in the Downloads tab.

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LAND USE

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (www.daff.gov.au/abares)

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Data Items

Conservation and natural environments (hectares)
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Production for dryland agriculture and plantations (hectares)
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Intensive uses (hectares)
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Availability by Region

Local Government Areas, Statistical Areas 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, State/Territory, Australia

Where to find these Data

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WATER USE ON AUSTRALIAN FARMS

Source: ABS Agricultural Census, see 'Water Use on Australian Farms' (ABS cat no. 4618.0).

Data Items

Area of agricultural land (ha)
Area irrigated (ha)
Irrigation volume applied (megalitres)
Other agricultural uses of water (megalitres)
Total water use (megalitres)
Area irrigated as % of total agricultural land area (%)

See Explanatory Notes for further information.

See Glossary for terms.

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Availability by Year

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2011

The ABS Agricultural Census is run every five years.

Find historical and more detailed data in 'Water Use on Australian Farms' (ABS cat no. 4618.0).

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Availability by Region

Statistical Area 2, Statistical Area 4, States/Territories, Australia

Where to find these Data

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DEATHS

Source: ABS, 'Deaths, Australia', (ABS cat no. 3302.0).

Data Items

Deaths (no.)
Standardised death rate (rate)

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Availability by Year

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For this data source, data is included for :

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Find historical data and recent data in 'Deaths, Australia', (ABS cat no. 3302.0).

Availability by Region

Local Government Areas, Statistical Area 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

All data items and all regions can also be found in ABS.Stat Beta where you can view the data, build your own tables, and export the results. These data are also found in csv files in the Downloads tab.

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BIRTHS

Source: ABS, 'Births, Australia', (ABS cat no. 3301.0).

Data Items

Births (no.)
Total fertility rate (rate)

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For this data source, data is included for :

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Find historical data and recent data in 'Births, Australia', (ABS cat no. 3301.0).

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Availability by Region

Local Government Areas, Statistical Area 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

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POPULATION CENSUS

For more information about the Census, see 'How Australia Takes a Census, 2011' (cat. no. 2903.0) and 'Census of Population and Housing: Nature and Content, 2011' (cat. no. 2008.0). For information about Census data items see 'Census Dictionary, 2011' (cat. no. 2901.0).

Data Items

Labour Force

Labour Force (no.)
Unemployed (no.)
Unemployment rate (%)
Participation rate (%)

Youth (aged 15-19) Engagement in Work/Study

Working full-time and studying part time (%)
Working part-time and studying part-time (%)
Working full-time (not studying) (%)
Studying full-time (not working) (%)
Fully engaged (%)

Total aged 15-19 years (no.)

Rent and Mortgage Payments

Average monthly household rental payment

Average monthly household mortgage payment

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Proportion of total population (%)

Overseas Born Population - Percentage of Total Population:

Born in Oceania and Antarctica (excluding Australia) (%)

Born in North-West Europe (%)

Born in Southern and Eastern Europe (%)

Born in North Africa and the Middle East (%)

Born in South-East Asia (%)

Born in North-East Asia (%)

Born in Southern and Central Asia (%)

Born in Americas (%)

Born in Sub-Saharan Africa (%)

Total born overseas (%)

Speaks a language other than English at home:

Percentage of total population (%)

Post-School Qualifications: Percentage of Population Aged 15 years and Over:

Postgraduate Degree (%)

Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate (%)

Bachelor Degree (%)

Advanced Diploma and Diploma (%)

Certificate (%)

Inadequately Described/Not Stated (%)

Total with qualifications (%)

Occupation of Employed persons: Percentage of Total Employed Persons:

Managers (%)

Professionals (%)

Technicians and Trades Workers (%)

Community and Personal Services Workers (%)

Clerical and Administrative Workers (%)

Sales Workers (%)

Machinery Operators and Drivers (%)

Labourers (%)

Inadequately Described/Not Stated (%)

Method of Travel to Work

Used one method:

- Train or tram (no.)

- Bus (no.)

- Car (as driver or passenger) (no.)

- Motor bike/scooter (no.)

- Bicycle (no.)

- Other (including taxi) (no.)

- Walked only (no.)

- Total (no.)

Used more than one method

- Total (no.)

Other:

- Worked from home (no.)
- Employed but did not go to work (no.)
- Method of travel not stated (no.)

Households:

Lone person households (no.)
Group households (no.)
Family households (no.)
Total households (no.)
Average household size (no.)

Families:

Couple families with children under 15 and/or dependent students (no.)
Couple families with non-dependent children only (no.)
Couple families without children (no.)
One parent families with children under 15 years and/or dependent students (no.)
One parent families with non-dependent children only (no.)
Other families (no.)
Total families (no.)
Average family size (no.)

Internal Migration:

Persons who lived at same address 1 year ago (no.)
Persons who lived at different address 1 year ago (no., %)
Persons who lived at same address 5 years ago (no.)
Persons who lived at different address 5 years ago (no., %)

Unpaid Work: Percentage of Population Aged 15 years and Over:

Persons undertaking voluntary work for an organisation or group (%)
Persons caring for own children without pay (%)
Persons caring for other children without pay (%)
Persons caring for own children and other children without pay (%)
Persons providing unpaid care, help or assistance to family members or others (%)

Access to Internet at Home: Proportion of Occupied Private Dwellings:

Broadband connection (%)
Dial-up connection (%)
Other connection (%)
Proportion of all occupied private dwellings (%)

Employed by Industry:

Agriculture, forestry and fishing (%)
Mining (%)
Manufacturing (%)
Electricity, gas water and waste services (%)
Construction (%)
Wholesale trade (%)
Retail trade (%)
Accommodation and food services (%)
Transport, postal and warehousing (%)
Information media and telecommunications (%)
Financial and insurance services (%)
Rental, hiring and real estate services (%)
Administration and support services (%)
Public administration and safety (%)
Education and training (%)
Health care and social assistance (%)

Arts and recreation services (%)
Other services (%)
Total (%)

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For this Census data source, data is included for :

2011

The Census of Population and Housing is run every five years.

Find historical and more detailed 2011 Census data from the Census home page.

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Availability by Region

Local Government Areas, Statistical Area 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

All data items and all regions can also be found in ABS.Stat Beta where you can view the data, build your own tables, and export the results. These data are also found in csv files in the Downloads tab. Users are also directed to the Census data pages on the ABS website.

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Source: ABS 'Regional Population Growth, Australia', (ABS cat no. 3218.0) and 'Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia', (ABS cat no. 3235.0).

Data Items

Population by Sex:

Males (no.)
Females (no.)
Persons (no.)

Population by Age Group:

0-14 years (%)
15-24 years (%)
25-34 years (%)
35-44 years (%)
45-54 years (%)
55-64 years (%)
65-74 years (%)
75-84 years (%)
85 years and over (%)

Population by Age and Sex (Males, Females, Persons):

0-4 years (no.)
5-9 years (no.)
10-14 years (no.)
15-19 years (no.)
20-24 years (no.)
25-29 years (no.)
30-34 years (no.)
35-39 years (no.)
40-44 years (no.)
45-49 years (no.)
50-54 years (no.)
55-59 years (no.)
60-64 years (no.)
65-69 years (no.)
70-74 years (no.)
75-79 years (no.)
80-84 years (no.)
85 years and over (no.)
Total (no.)

Working Age Population

15-64 years (% of total)

Median Age

Median Age (years)

Population Density

Population Density (persons/km2)

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For this data source, data is included for :

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Find historical and recent Estimated Resident Population data in 'Regional Population Growth, Australia', (ABS cat no. 3218.0) and 'Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia', (ABS cat no. 3235.0)

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Availability by Region

Local Government Areas, Statistical Areas 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

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your own tables, and export the results. These data are also found in csv files in the Downloads tab.
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AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

Source: ABS Agricultural Census, see 'Agricultural Commodities, Australia', (ABS cat no. 7121.0).

Data Items

Area of holding (ha)
Cereals for grain (ha)
Vegetables for human consumption (ha)
Orchard trees (including nuts) (ha)
All fruit (excluding grapes) (ha)
Non-cereal broadacre crops (ha)

Sheep and lambs (no.)
Milk cattle (excluding house cows) (no.)
Meat cattle (no.)
Pigs (no.)

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2011

The ABS Agricultural Census is run every five years.

Find historical and more detailed Agricultural Commodities data in 'Agricultural Commodities, Australia', (ABS cat no. 7121.0).

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Availability by Region

Statistical Area 2, Statistical Area 4, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

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VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

Source: ABS Agricultural Census, see 'Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia', (ABS cat. no 7503.0).

Data Items

Gross value of crops (\$m)
Gross value of livestock slaughtering (\$m)
Gross value of livestock products (\$m)
Total gross value of agricultural production (\$m)

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For this data source, data is included for :

2011

The ABS Agricultural Census is run every five years.

Find historical and more detailed Value of Agricultural Production data in 'Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia', (ABS cat. no 7503.0).

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Availability by Region

Statistical Area 2, Statistical Area 4, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

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MOTOR VEHICLE CENSUS

Source: ABS, 'Motor Vehicle Census, Australia' (ABS cat no. 9309.0)

Data Items

Registered Motor Vehicles per 1,000 Population:

Passenger vehicles (rate)
Campervans (rate)
Light commercial vehicles (rate)
Light rigid trucks (rate)
Heavy rigid trucks (rate)
Articulated trucks (rate)
Non-freight carrying trucks (rate)
Buses (rate)
Motorcycles (rate)
Total registered vehicles (rate)

Registered Motor Vehicles:

Passenger vehicles (no.)
Campervans (no.)
Light commercial vehicles (no.)
Light rigid trucks (no.)
Heavy rigid trucks (no.)
Articulated trucks (no.)
Non-freight carrying trucks (no.)
Buses (no.)
Motorcycles (no.)
Total registered vehicles (no.)

Age of Vehicle:

Less than 5 years old (no.)
5 years to less than 10 years old (no.)
10 years or older (no.)

Type of Fuel:

Petrol (no.)
Diesel (no.)
LPG/Dual/other (no.)

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For this data source, data is included for :

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Find historical data and recent data in 'Motor Vehicle Census, Australia' (ABS cat no. 9309.0)

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Availability by Region

Local Government Areas, Statistical Areas 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

All data items and all regions can also be found in ABS.Stat Beta where you can view the data, build your own tables, and export the results. These data are also found in csv files in the Downloads.

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BUILDING APPROVALS

Source: ABS, 'Building Approvals, Australia', (ABS cat no. 8731.0).

Data Items

Private sector houses (no.)
Total dwelling units (no.)

Value of private sector houses (\$m)
Value of new residential building (\$m)
Value of total residential building (\$m)
Value of non-residential building (\$m)
Value of total building (\$m)

Average value of private sector houses (\$'000)

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Availability by Year

This edition of the National Regional Profiles includes data in a comparable time series covering 2008 - 2012, where data is available.

For this data source, data is included for :

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Find historical data and recent data in 'Building Approvals, Australia', (ABS cat no. 8731.0).

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Availability by Region

Statistical Areas 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, States/Territories, Local Government Areas, Australia.

Local government area data from July 2012 onwards can be found in 'Building Approvals, Australia', (ABS cat no. 8731.0) on the Australian Statistical Geography Standard boundaries. Data up to June 2012 is on the previous ABS geography (Australian Standard Geographical Classification), and data for Statistical Local Areas in the ASGC can be aggregated to local government areas.

A time series of Building Approval data on the 2008 version of the ASGC is also available for 2006-2010 from the 'View past issues' section of the NRP.

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Where to find these Data

All data items and all regions can also be found in ABS.Stat Beta where you can view the data, build your own tables, and export the results. These data are also found in csv files in the Downloads tab.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Sources: ABS, 'Tourist Accommodation, Australia', (ABS cat no. 8635.0) and 'Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Australia', (ABS cat no 8635.0.55.002) and for individual States/Territories (ABS cat nos 8635.1.55.001 - 8635.8.55.001).

Data Items

Establishments with 15 or more rooms (no.)
Persons employed (no.)

See Explanatory Notes for further information.
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Availability by Year

This edition of the National Regional Profiles includes data in a comparable time series covering 2008 - 2012, where data is available.

For this data source, data is included for :

2012.

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Availability by Region

Statistical Areas Level 2, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

All data items and all regions can also be found in ABS.Stat Beta where you can view the data, build your own tables, and export the results. These data are also found in csv files in the Downloads tab.

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LAND AREA

Data Items

Land Area (km²)

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Availability by Year

2011

Note: The land area of each region type presented in the National Regional Profiles is the same for all years but shown only in the 2011 column (e.g. the land area of NSW is the same in all years). Where Local Government boundaries have changed during the period 2007-2011 the area has been fixed at 2011 boundaries and all LGA data has been reported as for 2011 boundaries to allow comparability.

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Availability by Region

Local Government Areas, Statistical Areas 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Area, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

All data items and all regions can also be found in ABS.Stat Beta where you can view the data, build your own tables, and export the results. These data are also found in csv files in the Downloads tab.

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COUNTS OF BUSINESSES

Source: ABS, 'Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits' (ABS cat no. 8165.0).

Data Items

Number of Businesses:

Non-employing businesses (no.)
Employing businesses, 1 to 4 employees (no.)
Employing businesses, 5 or more employees (no.)
Total businesses (no.)

Business Entries:

Non-employing businesses (no.)
Employing businesses, 1 to 4 employees (no.)
Employing businesses, 5 or more employees (no.)
Total businesses (no.)

Business Exits:

Non-employing businesses (no.)
Employing businesses, 1 to 4 employees (no.)
Employing businesses, 5 or more employees (no.)
Total businesses (no.)

Number of Businesses by Industry:

Agriculture, forestry and fishing (no.)
Mining (no.)
Manufacturing (no.)
Electricity, gas water and waste services (no.)
Construction (no.)
Wholesale trade (no.)
Retail trade (no.)
Accommodation and food services (no.)
Transport, postal and warehousing (no.)
Information media and telecommunications (no.)
Financial and insurance services (no.)
Rental, hiring and real estate services (no.)
Administration and support services (no.)
Public administration and safety (no.)
Education and training (no.)
Health care and social assistance (no.)
Arts and recreation services (no.)
Other services (no.)
Currently unknown (no.)
Total (no.)

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2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Find historical data and recent data in 'Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits' (ABS cat no. 8165.0).

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Availability by Region

Statistical Area 2 - 4, Greater Capital City Statistical Area, Local Government Areas, State/Territory, Australia

Where to find these Data

All data items and all regions can also be found in ABS.Stat Beta where you can view the data, build your own tables, and export the results. These data are also found in csv files in the Downloads tab.

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS

Source: ABS compiles these estimates of per Wage and salary earners, in accordance with ABS standard definitions for income, using Personal Income Tax data from the Australian Taxation Office. These data can be found in 'Wage and Salary Earner Statistics for Small Areas' (cat. no. 5673.0.55.003).

Data Items

Wage and Salary Earner by Age and Sex:

Males

15 years to 24 years (no.)
25 years to 34 years (no.)
35 years to 44 years (no.)
45 years to 54 years (no.)
55 years to 64 years (no.)
65 years and over (no.)
total (no.,%)

Females

15 years to 24 years (no.)
25 years to 34 years (no.)
35 years to 44 years (no.)
45 years to 54 years (no.)
55 years to 64 years (no.)
65 years and over (no.)
total (no., %)

Persons

15 years to 24 years (no., %)
25 years to 34 years (no., %)
35 years to 44 years (no., %)
45 years to 54 years (no., %)
55 years to 64 years (no., %)
65 years and over (no., %)

Wage and Salary Earners by Occupation:

Managers (no, %)
Professionals (no, %)
Technicians and Trades Workers (no, %)
Community and Personal Service Workers (no, %)
Clerical and Administrative Workers (no, %)
Sales Workers (no, %)

Machinery Operators and Drivers (no, %)
Labourers (no, %)
Not Stated (no, %.)
Total Wage and salary earners (no.)

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Availability by Year

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For this data source, data is included for :

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Data on Wage and salary earners by occupation are only available from 2008-9 onwards due to a change in the occupational classification.

Find historical data and recent data in 'Wage and Salary Earner Statistics for Small Areas', (ABS cat no. 5673.0.55.003).

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Availability by Region

Local Government Areas, Statistical Areas 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

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ESTIMATES OF PERSONAL INCOME

Source: ABS compiles these estimates of personal income, in accordance with ABS standard definitions for income, using Personal Income Tax data from the Australian Taxation Office. These data are found in 'Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas', (ABS cat. no. 6524.0.55.002)

Data Items

Wage and salary earners (no.)
Wage and salary income (\$m)
Average Wage and salary income (\$)

Own unincorporated business earners (no.)
Own unincorporated business income (\$m)
Average Own unincorporated business income (\$)

Investment earners (no.)
Investment income (\$m)
Average Investment income (\$)

Superannuation and annuity earners (no.)
Superannuation and annuity income (\$m)
Average Superannuation and annuity income (\$)

Other income earners (excluding Government pensions and allowances) (no.)
Other income earners (excluding Government pensions and allowances) (\$m)
Average Other income (excluding Government pensions and allowances) (\$)

Total income earners (excluding Government pensions and allowances) (no.)
Total income (excluding Government pensions and allowances) (\$m)
Average Total income (excluding Government pensions and allowances) (\$)

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For this data source, data is included for :

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Note: 'Total income earners (excluding Government pensions and allowances) (no.)' and 'Average Total income (excluding Government pensions and allowances) (\$)' are only available from 2008 onwards.

Find historical data and recent data in 'Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas', (ABS cat. no. 6524.0.55.002).

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Availability by Region

Local Government Areas, Statistical Areas 2-4, Greater Capital City Statistical Areas, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

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SELECTED GOVERNMENT PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES

Sources: Department of Veteran's Affairs (www.dva.gov.au) and Department of Social Services (<http://www.dss.gov.au>)

Data Items

Age Pension - Centrelink (no.)
Age Pension - DVA (no.)

Baby Bonus (no.)
Carer Payment (no.)
Disability Support Pension (no.)
Family Tax Benefit A (no.)
Family Tax Benefit B (no.)
Total Family Tax Benefit recipients (no.)
Income Support Supplement - DVA (no)
Newstart Allowance (no.)
Newstart Allowance - on income support more than 365 days (%)
Parenting Payment - single (no.)
Service Pension - DVA (no.)
Youth Allowance (Full time students/apprentices) (no.)
Youth Allowance (Other) (no.)

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Availability by Year

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For this data source, data is included for :

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

for Age Pension- DVA, Service Pension - DVA, Income Support Supplement - DVA and Family Tax Benefit (DSS)

2010, 2011, 2012

for Baby Bonus, Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment - Single, Youth Allowances (all DSS)

2011, 2012

for Age Pension - Centrelink, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension (all DSS)

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Availability by Region

Age Pension - DVA, Service Pension - DVA, Income Support Supplement - DVA: Local Government Area, Statistical Area Level 3 (for 2012 data only), States/Territories, Australia

Age Pension - Centrelink, Baby Bonus, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension, Family Tax Benefit, Statistical Area Level 3, Statistical Area Level 4, Local Government Area, Greater Capital City Statistical Area, States/Territories, Australia.

Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowances, Parenting Payment (Single) - Statistical Area Level 3, Local Government Area, States/Territories, Australia.

Where to find these Data

All data items and all regions can also be found in ABS.Stat Beta where you can view the data, build your own tables, and export the results. These data are also found in csv files in the Downloads.

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GLOSSARY

Accommodation and Food Services

The Accommodation and Food Services industry is engaged in providing short-term accommodation for visitors, in providing food and beverage services, such as the preparation and serving of meals and the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by customers, both on and off-site.

Administrative and Support Services

The Administrative and Support Services industry engages in performing routine support activities for the day-to-day operations of other businesses or organisations. This includes office administration, hiring and placing personnel for others, preparing documents, taking orders for clients by telephone, providing credit reporting and collection services, and arranging travel and travel tours.

Age Pension

Age pension is a payment for persons who have reached Age Pension age and qualify to receive the Age Pension. Age Pension age depends on the individual's date of birth.

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

The Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry is engaged in growing crops, raising animals, growing and harvesting timber, and harvesting fish or other animals from farms or their natural habitats.

Articulated trucks

Motor vehicles constructed primarily for load carrying, consisting of a prime mover having no significant load carrying area, but with a turntable device which can be linked to one or more trailers.

Arts and Recreation Services

The Arts and Recreation Services industry engages in the preservation and exhibition of objects and sites of historical, cultural or educational interest; the production of original artistic works and/or participation in live performances, events, or exhibits intended for public viewing; and the operation of facilities or the provision of services that enable patrons to participate in sporting or recreational activities, or to pursue amusement interests.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register

The Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR) is a register of all Australian businesses and contains identifying and classificatory data for each business. Information to populate the register is largely sourced from the Australian Business Register.

Australian Business Number

The Australian Business Number (ABN) is a unique business entity identifier introduced to assist with dealing with the Australian government.

Australian Statistical Geography Standard

The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) is used by the ABS for the collection and dissemination of geographically classified statistics. The ASGS replaced the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC) from July 2011. All data in the National Regional Profile is presented on ASGS 2011.

Baby Bonus

Baby bonus is a payment that helps with the extra costs of a new baby or adopted child.

Building

A building is a rigid, fixed and permanent structure which has a roof. Its intended purpose is primarily to house people, plant, machinery, vehicles, goods or livestock.

Business Counts

A business for this purpose is defined as a legal entity engage in productive activity and/or other forms of activity in the market sector. Business counts derived from the ABSBR exclude some entities, such as those without an active Australian Business Number, those without an active Goods and Services Tax (GST) role, those no longer actively remitting GST, and those not operating in the market sector.

Business Entry

A business which has newly registered for an Australian Business Number (ABN) and which has a GST role allocated.

Business Exit

A business for which the ABN or GST role has been cancelled and/or which has ceased to remit GST for at least five consecutive quarters.

Buses

Motor vehicles constructed for the carriage of passengers. Included are all motor vehicles with 10 or more seats, including the driver's seat.

Campervans

Self-propelled motor vehicles containing an area primarily used for accommodation. Included are motor homes and powered caravans.

Carer Payment

Carer Payment is for people who are unable to support themselves through participation in the workforce while caring for someone with a disability, severe medical condition, or who is frail and aged.

Clerical and Administrative Support Workers

Clerical and Administrative Support Workers provide support to Managers, Professionals and organisations by organising, storing, manipulating and retrieving information.

Community and Personal Services Workers

Community and Personal Services Workers assist Health Professionals in the provision of patient care, provide information and support on a range of social welfare matters, and provide other services in the areas of aged care and child care, education support, hospitality, defence, policing and emergency services, security, travel and tourism, fitness, sports and personal services.

Construction

The Construction industry is engaged in the construction of buildings and other structures, additions, alterations, reconstruction, installation and maintenance and repairs of buildings and other structures.

Disability Support Pension

Disability Support Pension is a payment that provides income support for people who have a permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment.

Dwelling

A dwelling is a self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities and intended for long-term residential use. A dwelling may comprise part of a building or the whole of a building. Regardless of whether they are self-contained or not, units within buildings offering institutional care (e.g. hospital) or temporary accommodation (e.g. motels, hostels and holiday apartments) are not defined as dwelling units. Such rooms are included in non-residential building approvals. Dwellings can be created in one of four ways: through new work to create a residential building; through alteration/addition work to an existing residential building; through either new or alteration/addition work on non-residential building or through conversion of a non-residential building to a residential building.

Education and Training

The Education and Training industry engages in the provision and support of education and training, except in the training of animals (e.g. dog obedience, horse training).

Electricity, Gas Water and Waste Services

Electricity, Gas Water and Waste Services industry is engaged in the provision of electricity; gas through mains systems; water, drainage; and sewerage services. Also includes units mainly engaged in the collection, treatment, and disposal of waste materials; remediation of contaminated materials (including land); and materials recovery activities.

Establishments

Establishments are hotels, motels and private resorts, guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms - which provide predominantly short-term, non-residential accommodation.

Estimated resident population

Estimated Resident Populations (ERP) are the official measure of the population of Australia, based on the concept of usual residence. It refers to all people, regardless of nationality or citizenship, who usually live in Australia, with the exception of foreign diplomatic personnel and their families. It includes usual residents who are overseas for less than 12 months and excludes overseas visitors who are in Australia for less than 12 months.

Family

A family is defined by the ABS as two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering, and who are usually resident in the same household.

Family Tax Benefit

Family Tax Benefit can be paid to a parent, guardian or an approved care organisation to assist in the cost of raising children.

Financial and Insurance Services

The Financial and Insurance Services industry engages in financial transactions involving the creation, liquidation, or change of ownership of financial assets, and/or in facilitating financial transactions.

Fuel

Type of fuel used in motor vehicles as reported to the registering authority and includes leaded petrol, unleaded petrol, diesel, LPG/other gases, dual fuel and other which includes electric.

Greater Capital City Statistical Area

Greater Capital City Statistical Areas are part of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard and are geographical areas that are designed to represent the functional extent of each of the eight state and territory capital cities. Within each state and territory, the area not defined as being part of the greater capital city is represented by a Rest of State region.

Health Care and Social Assistance

The Health Care and Social Assistance industry provides human health care and social assistance.

Heavy rigid trucks

Rigid trucks of gross vehicle mass greater than 4.5 tonnes.

House

A detached building primarily used for long term residential purposes consisting of one dwelling unit. Includes detached residences associated with a non-residential building, and kit and transportable homes.

Household

A household is defined as one or more persons, at least one of whom is at least 15 years of age, usually resident in the same private dwelling.

Income Support Supplement

An income support pension paid to: eligible war widows and widowers under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986, and persons receiving wholly dependant partners' compensation under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004.

Individual annual taxable income

For an individual, the taxable income is the amount remaining after deducting from assessable income all deductions allowed under the Income Tax Assessment Act for that year and is the amount to which tax rates are applied. Average individual annual taxable income in an area is calculated by dividing the total taxable income by the total number of taxable taxpayers.

Information Media and Telecommunications

The Information Media and Telecommunications industry engages in:

- creating, enhancing and storing information products in media that allows their dissemination;
- transmitting information products using analogue and digital signals (via electronic, wireless, optical and other means); and
- providing transmission services and/or operating the infrastructure to enable the transmission and storage of information and information products.

Investment

Investment income includes:

- interest from financial institutions,
- net rent and dividends or distributions (including imputation credits) from an Australian company, corporate unit trust or public trading trust,
- distributions from trusts - non-primary production which mainly includes income from investments with cash management trusts, property trusts, money market trusts, mortgage trusts and unit trusts.

Labour force

For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed (see Unemployment).

Labourers

Labourers perform a variety of routine and repetitive physical tasks using hand and power tools, and machines either as an individual or as part of a team assisting more skilled workers such as Trades Workers, and Machinery Operators and Drivers.

Land Cover

Land cover refers to the physical surface of the earth, including various combinations of vegetation types, soils, exposed rocks and water bodies as well as anthropogenic elements, such as agriculture and built environments. Land cover classes can usually be discriminated by characteristic patterns using remote sensing.

Land Use

Land use is the purpose to which the land cover is committed. Some land uses, such as agriculture, have a characteristic land cover pattern. These usually appear in land classifications. Other land uses, such as nature conservation, are not readily discriminated by a characteristic land cover pattern. For example, where the land cover is woodland, land use may be timber production or nature conservation.

Light commercial vehicles

Vehicles primarily constructed for the carriage of goods, and which are less than or equal to 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass. Included are utilities, panel vans, cab-chassis and forward-control load carrying vehicles (whether four-wheel drive or not).

Light rigid trucks

Rigid trucks of gross vehicle mass greater than 3.5 tonnes and less than or equal to 4.5 tonnes.

Local government area

Local Government Areas (LGAs) are spatial units which represent the geographical areas of incorporated local government councils. Each LGA has an official status which is indicated by the LGA type : (A) NSW LGA (excluding Cities), (AC) Aboriginal Council, (B) Borough, (C) City, (CGC) Community Government Council, (DC) District Council, (IC) Island Council, (M) Municipality/Municipal Council, (S) Shire, (RC) Rural City, (RegC) Regional Council and (T) Town. The major areas of Australia not administered by incorporated bodies are the northern parts of South Australia, most of the Northern Territory and all of the Australian Capital Territory and the Other Territories.

Managers

Managers plan, organise, direct, control, coordinate and review the operations of government, commercial, agricultural, industrial, non-profit and other organisations, and departments.

Manufacturing

The Manufacturing industry is engaged in the physical or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products (except Agriculture and Construction).

Machinery Operators and Drivers

Machinery Operators and Drivers operate machines, plant, vehicles and other equipment to perform a range of agricultural, manufacturing and construction functions, move materials, and transport passengers and freight.

Mining

The Mining industry extracts naturally occurring mineral solids, such as coal and ores; liquid minerals, such as crude petroleum; and gases, such as natural gas. The term mining is used in the broad sense to include underground or open cut mining; dredging; quarrying; well operations or evaporation pans; recovery from ore dumps or tailings as well as beneficiation activities (i.e. preparing, including crushing, screening, washing and floatation) and other preparation work customarily performed at the mine site, or as part of mining activity.

Motorcycles

Two and three wheeled motor vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of one or two persons. Included are two and three wheeled mopeds, scooters, motor tricycles and motorcycles with sidecars.

Net tax

Net tax for individuals is calculated from Total income less deductions and losses, applying marginal tax rates, adding complementary tax, less tax offsets and adding the Medicare levy and surcharge.

New building

A building which previously did not exist.

Newstart Allowance

Newstart Allowance is a payment for people who are looking for work and allows them to participate in activities designed to increase their chances of finding work. Persons must be aged 22 to 64 years to qualify.

Non-freight carrying trucks

Specialist motor vehicles or motor vehicles fitted with special purpose equipment, and having little or no goods carrying capacity (e.g. ambulances, cherry pickers, fire trucks and tow trucks).

Non-residential building

A non-residential building is primarily intended for purposes other than long-term residential purposes.

Non-taxable individual

Personal (or individual) taxpayers with net tax payable equal to \$0.

Other income

Other income (excluding Government pensions and allowances) is made up of selected sources of other income reported on the individual income tax return that were not allocated to Wages and

salaries, Own unincorporated business, Investment, Superannuation and annuities.

Other Services

The Other Services industry includes a broad range of personal services; civic, religious, profession and other interest group services; selected repair and maintenance activities; and private households employing staff.

Own unincorporated business

Own unincorporated business income includes the following data items on the individual income tax return:

- net income (or loss) from business,
- distributions from partnerships and trusts for primary production activities,
- distributions from partnerships for non-primary production activities and
- net personal services income.

Parenting Payment

Parenting Payment is a payment for persons who are primary carers of children.

Passenger vehicles

Motor vehicles constructed primarily for the carriage of persons and containing up to nine seats (including the driver's seat). Included are cars, station wagons, four-wheel drive passenger vehicles and forward-control passenger vehicles. Excluded are campervans.

Population density

The population density for a region is calculated by dividing the Estimated Resident Population (ERP) by the land area.

Public Administration and Safety

The Public Administration and Safety industry engages in central, state, or local government legislative, executive, and judicial activities; in providing physical, social, economic and general public safety and security services; and in enforcing regulations. This industry includes military defence, government representation and international government organisations.

Private sector houses

A house is a detached building primarily used for long term residential purposes. It consists of one dwelling unit. Building ownership is classified as either public or private sector and is based on the sector of intended owner of the completed building at the time of approval.

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services

The Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry engages in providing professional, scientific and technical services, applying common processes where labour inputs are integral to the production or service delivery. This industry specialises and sells its expertise. Services in this industry include scientific research, architecture, engineering, computer systems design, law, accountancy, advertising, market research, management and other consultancy, veterinary science and professional photography.

Professionals

Professionals perform analytical, conceptual and creative tasks through the application of theoretical knowledge and experience in the fields of arts, media, business, design, engineering, the physical

and life sciences, transport, education, health, information and communication technology, the law, social sciences and social welfare.

Relative standard error

The relative standard error (RSE) is a measure of sampling variability which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate to which it refers. For example, if the estimate is 0.5 and the standard error is 0.05, then the relative standard error will be 10%. The relative standard error is a useful measure in that it provides an immediate indication of the percentage of errors likely to have occurred due to sampling and thus avoids the need to refer also to the size of the estimate.

Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services

The Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services industry engages in renting, hiring, or otherwise allowing the use of tangible and intangible assets (except copyrights), and providing related services.

Residential building

Buildings primarily used for long-term residential purposes. Residential buildings are categories as houses or other residential buildings.

Retail Trade

The Retail Trade industry is engaged in the purchase and/or onselling, the commission-based buying, and the commission-based selling, of goods, without significant transformation, to the general public. The Retail Trade industry also purchases and on sells goods to the general public using non-traditional means, including the internet.

Sales Workers

Sales Workers sell goods, services and property, and provide sales support in areas such as operating cash registers and displaying and demonstrating goods.

Service Pension

A service pension can be paid to war veterans on the grounds of age or invalidity, and to eligible partners, widows and widowers.

Standardised death rate

Standardised death rates enable the comparison of death rates between populations with different age structures by relating them to a standard population. The ABS standard populations relate to the years ending in 1 (e.g. 2001). The current standard population is all persons in the 2012 Australian population. Standardised death rates are expressed per 1,000 standard population.

State/Territory

States and Territories are geographic areas and political entities with fixed boundaries. States and Territories consist of one or more Statistical Divisions. In aggregate, they cover Australia without gaps or overlaps.

Statistical Area 2

Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2) are part of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard and are a medium-sized general purpose area. Their aim is to represent a community that interacts together socially and economically. On average they have a population of approximately 10,000 people. Most are designed to be within the population range 3,000 - 25,000. There are 2214 SA2s covering the

whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps.

Statistical Area 3

Statistical Areas Level 3 (SA3) are part of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard. There are 351 SA3s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. They are built up of whole SA2s. SA3s are designed to provide a regional breakdown of Australia. They generally have a population of between 30,000 and 130,000 people. In the major cities, they represent the area serviced by a major transport and commercial hub. They often closely align to large urban local government areas. E.g. Parramatta, Geelong. In regional areas, they represent the area serviced by regional cities with a population over 20,000 people. In outer regional and remote areas, they represent areas which are widely recognised as having a distinct identity and have similar social and economic characteristics. There are a small number of "zero SA3s". These have an effective design population of zero and represent very large National Parks close to the outskirts of major cities.

Statistical Area 4

Statistical Areas Level 4 (SA4) are part of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard and are used for the output of a variety of regional data, including the 2011 Census Data. There are 106 SA4s covering the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. They are built up from whole SA3s. In regional areas, SA4s tend to have populations of between 100,000 to 300,000 people. In metropolitan areas, SA4s tend to have larger populations (300,000 – 500,000 people).

Superannuation and annuities

Superannuation and annuity income includes superannuation and similar pensions and annuities paid by an Australian superannuation fund, a retirement saving account provider, a registered organisation or life assurance company and pensions paid by a fund established for the benefit of Commonwealth, state or territory employees and their dependants. Also included in this category are bonuses from life insurance companies and friendly societies.

Technicians and Trade Workers

Technicians and trade workers perform a variety of skilled tasks, applying broad or in-depth technical, trade or industry specific knowledge, often in support of scientific, engineering, building and manufacturing activities.

Total fertility rate

The sum of age-specific fertility rates (live births at each age of mother per 1,000 of the female population of that age) divided by 1,000. It represents the number of children a female would bear during her lifetime if she experienced current age-specific fertility rates at each age of her reproductive life.

Total income of wage and salary earners

For wage and salary earners, the sum of income from all sources as reported on the individual income tax return for the financial year. Average total income in an area is calculated by dividing the total income by the total number of wage and salary earners.

Total Residential Building

Total residential building is comprised of houses and other residential buildings. It does not include dwellings in non-residential building.

Transport, Postal and Warehousing

The Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry is engaged in providing transport of passengers and freight by road, rail, water or air. Other transportation activities such as postal services, pipeline transport, and scenic and sightseeing transport are included in this industry.

Unemployment

Persons aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference week and had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and were available for work in the reference week or were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.

Unemployment rate

For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

Value of building

Statistics on the value of building work approved are derived by aggregating the estimated 'value of building work when completed' as reported on building approval documents provided to local councils or other building approval authorities. Conceptually these value data should exclude the value of land and landscaping but include site preparation costs. These estimates are usually a reliable indicator of the completed value of 'houses'. However, for 'other residential buildings' and 'non-residential buildings', they can differ significantly from the completed value of the building as final costs and contracts have not been established before council approval is sought and gained.

Voluntary work for an organisation or group

This includes help willingly given in the form of time, service or skills, to a club, organisation or association. Unpaid voluntary work can include:

- assisting at organised events and with sports associations;
- helping with organised school events and activities;
- assisting in churches, hospitals, nursing homes and charities; and
- other kinds of volunteer work (e.g. emergency services).

Wage and salary earners

Persons aged 15 years and over who have submitted an individual income tax return and who earned wage and salary income in the financial year.

Wage and salary

Wage and salary income, as reported on the income tax return, includes:

- Gross income, as shown on the 'PAYG payment summary - individual non-business';
- Allowances, which may include car, travel or transport allowances, allowances for tools, clothing or laundry and dirt, risk, meal or entertainment allowances;
- Commissions, bonuses, tips, gratuities, consultation fees, honoraria and other payments for services;
- Attributed personal services income;
- Eligible termination payments;
- Lump sums; and
- Other foreign employment income (included since 2009-10).

Wholesale Trade

The Wholesale Trade industry is engaged in the purchase and on selling, the commission-based buying, and the commission-based selling of goods, without significant transformation, to businesses.

Youth Allowance

Youth Allowance is a payment for young people who are studying, undertaking training or an Australian Apprenticeship, looking for work, or sick. Persons must be aged 15 to 24 years to qualify.

Abbreviations

\$	dollars
'000	thousand
m	million
A	Area
ABARES	Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences
ABN	Australian Business Number
ABR	Australian Business Register
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ABSBR	Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register
AC	Aboriginal Council
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ADSL	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line
ANZSCO	Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations
ASCED	Australian Standard Classification of Education
ASCL	Australian Standard Classification of Languages
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
ASGS	Australian Statistical Geography Standard
ASCO	Australian Standard Classification of Occupations
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
Aust.	Australia
B	Borough
BAS	Business Activity Statement
C	City
DC	District Council
DSP	Disability Support Pension
DSS	Department of Social Services
DVA	Department of Veterans' Affairs
ERP	estimated resident population
EVAO	estimated value of agricultural output
GCCSA	Greater Capital City Statistical Area
ha	hectare
ISDN	integrated service digital network
km	kilometre
km ²	square kilometre
LGA	Local Government Area
M	Municipality
ML	Megalitre
no.	number
NRP	National Regional Profile
NSW	New South Wales
NT	Northern Territory
OT	Other Territories
PAYG	Pay As You Go
Qld	Queensland

R	Regional Council
RC	Rural City
RegC	Regional Council
RSE	relative standard error
RTO	residents temporarily overseas
S	Shire
SA	South Australia
SA1	Statistical Area Level 1
SA2	Statistical Area Level 2
SA3	Statistical Area Level 3
SA4	Statistical Area Level 4
SACC	Standard Australian Classification of Countries
SE	standard error
T	Town
Tas.	Tasmania
Vic.	Victoria
WA	Western Australia

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